pairs are expected to be completed by about June, 1986.

Delinking of DDA from Construction Activity

844. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to delink the Delhi Development Authority from construction activity to restrict its functions to only acquiring of lands in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) which other agency is proposed to be entrusted with the job of construction of houses/flats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) he Estimate Committee in their 85th Report (1984-85) and 15th Report (1985-86) have suggested setting up of a Housing Board for Delhi. In respect of the 85th Report (1984-85) the Estimate Committee was informed on 3-9-85 that it would not be practicable to accept their suggestion for setting up of a Housing Board. The 15th Report (1985-86) of this Committee was submitted to Parliament 22-12-85 and a decision on the recommendation contained therein is required to be taken and conveyed to Estimate Committee by 21-5-86.

Sale of Defectives at Throw Away Prices by Steel Plant Officials

845. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several instances have come to the notice of Government about the sale of defectives at Bokaro, Bhilai and Ranchi plants at a throw away price by the officials of these units; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the quantity sold/disposed of during the year 1985-86 up to 31st March?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) No instances of sale of defectives of Bokaro and Bhilai Steel Plants at throw away prices have come to the notice of Government. The Central Marketing Organisation of SAIL and the plants sell this material at listed prices, or through tender/auction when it is not possible to sell it at listed prices.

During 1985-86, about 1 52 lakh tonnes of defectives were sold by the Central Marketing Organisation of SAIL.

Arrears of Rent Due from Former Ministers and Former Members of Parliament

846. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several thousands of rupees are due from the former Ministers and former Members of Parliament by way of non-payment of rents during the past several years.

(b) what action if any, has been taken to recover arrears of house rent and electric charges standing against these former members and Ministers; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the event of these arrears being not recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.